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(a) (1) The membership of a Community Health Coalition established under § 13-1109(c) of this subtitle shall:

(i) Reflect the demographics of the county; and

(ii) Include representatives of community-based groups, including minority, rural, and medically underserved populations, that, taken together, are familiar with all of the different communities and cultures in the county.

(2) (i) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection, in Baltimore City and in Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, the Community Health Coalition shall include representatives of the major community hospitals that treat county residents with targeted cancers.

(ii) In Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, the local health officer, in consultation with the Department, shall determine whether a hospital is a major community hospital based on the following factors:

1. The number of county residents with targeted cancers who are served by the hospital;

2. Whether the hospital has special expertise in treating targeted cancers;

3. Whether the hospital has demonstrated a commitment to treating uninsured individuals; and

4. The number of research activities conducted by the hospital that relate to targeted cancers and the amount of funding for these activities.

(iii) In Baltimore City, the University of Maryland Medical Group and the Johns Hopkins Institutions, acting jointly in collaboration with the Baltimore City Health Department, in consultation with the Department, shall determine whether a hospital is a major community hospital based on the factors listed under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

(b) The membership of a Community Health Coalition established under § 13-1109(c) of this subtitle may include:

(1) Representatives of:

(i) A local management board established under Title 8, Subtitle 3 of the Human Services Article;

(ii) Local hospitals, clinics, physicians, and other health care providers;

(iii) Local religious organizations;

(iv) Institutions of higher education; and

(v) Hospitals and other entities located outside the county that could enhance the county's cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment efforts; and

(2) Any other person that the local health officer believes would help the county meet the cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment goals and requirements established for the county under § 13–1108 of this subtitle.

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